

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**CTC Meeting:** December 11-12, 2002

**Reference No.:** 2.1b.(7)  
Information Item

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**Ref:** **STIP AMENDMENT 02S-045 NOTICE**

The Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC) has asked that this proposed amendment be noticed at the December 2002 Commission meeting and submitted for action at the January 2003 meeting. This is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, ask questions and/or make comments on the proposal prior to taking action on the amendment.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes proposes to revise the scope for the Meridian Boulevard Project (PPNO 2505) in Mono County. The proposed scope will reduce the existing width of roadway from 64 feet to 45 feet, reduce the number of lanes from four lanes to two lanes plus a center turn lane, and replace the traffic signal with a roundabout at Meridian and Minaret Road. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It's recommended that Mono County LTC be asked to provide details on the proposal, explain why reducing the capacity of Meridian Boulevard is a reasonable expenditure of STIP funds and what impacts the project could have on other transportation facilities in the area.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Meridian Boulevard project was originally programmed in the 1998 STIP to rehabilitate the existing four-lane roadway. In 2000, the Town of Mammoth Lakes adopted a Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the North Village Specific Plan Amendment. The EIR identified reductions in overall traffic for Meridian Boulevard based on reduced number of housing build out for the village and the current no-build scenario for redevelopment. Due to the reduced traffic counts, the Town's Circulation Element adopted by the Town Council recommends that Meridian Boulevard be reduced from four lanes to three lanes, with the third lane as a center turn lane.

Traffic analysis also indicates that the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Meridian and Minaret Road is not needed based on future build out traffic warrants. A report prepared by the Town's transportation consultant finds that a roundabout is more appropriate for traffic flow through this intersection. Therefore, the Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to replace the existing traffic signal with a roundabout and reduce the curb-to-curb width of Meridian Boulevard from 64 feet to 45 feet to accommodate three lanes of traffic.

The Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC) requests that the project scope be reduced as indicated above to reflect the changes in LTC Policy for more Traffic Calming and Context Sensitive Solutions to solve transportation issues.

**RESOLUTION:**

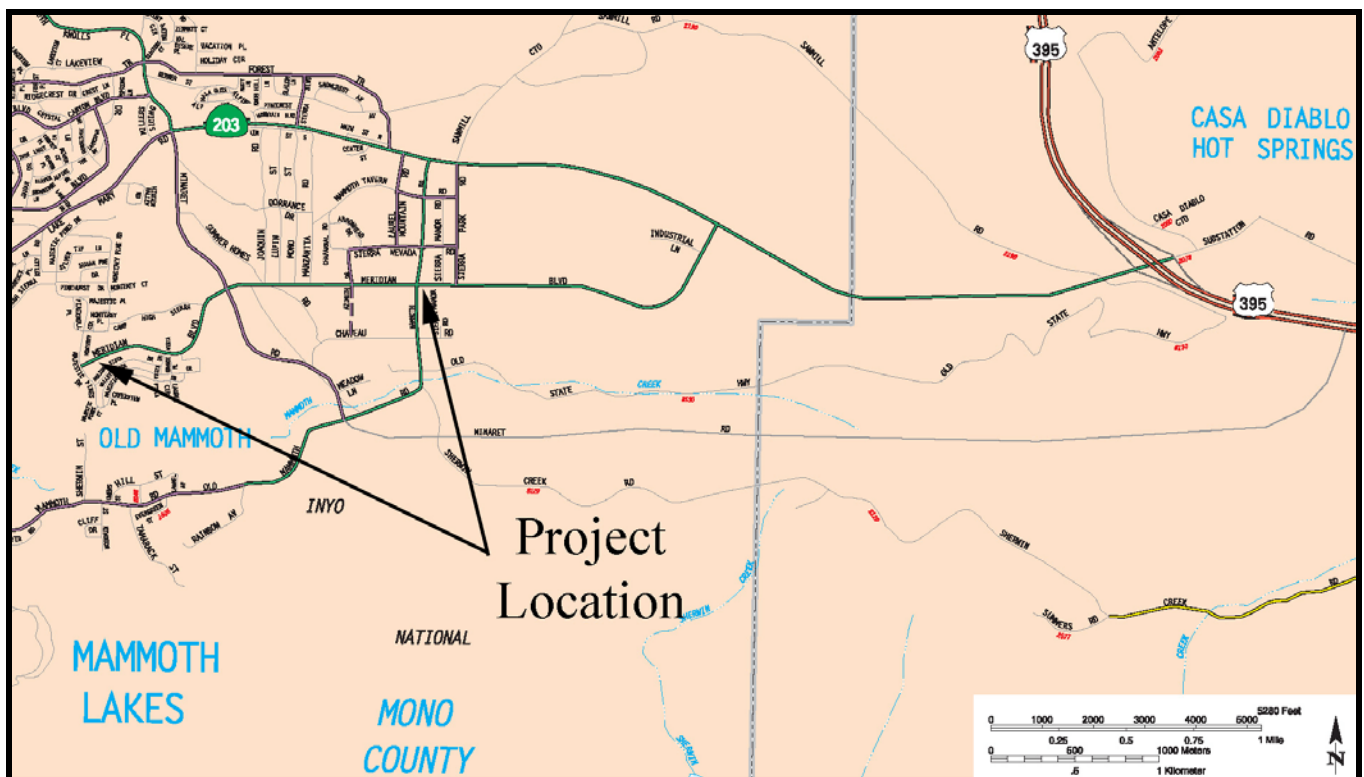
Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

**Revises:**

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Mono	09	2505	955048	LA	2002-03	--	--	--					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	Town of Mammoth Lakes		AB 3090	PS&E	Town of Mammoth Lakes		AB 3090				
		R/W	Town of Mammoth Lakes		AB 3090	CON	Town of Mammoth Lakes		AB 3090				
RTPA/CTC :		Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC)											
Project Title:		Meridian Blvd. <del>Rehabilitation</del> <b>Reconstruction</b>											
Location:		<del>Sierra Park Blvd. to Majestic Pines Drive (Eagle Portal).</del> <b>Meridian Blvd. from Old Mammoth Road to Lodestar Drive.</b> Project is located south of Route 203 within the corporate limits of Mammoth Lakes.											
Description:		<del>Rehabilitate existing roadway surface, remove all cross street gutters, replace storm drains where needed, replace failed curbs, sidewalk, and shoulders. Reconstruct roadway by reducing curb-to-curb width from 64 feet to 45 feet, reduce the number of lanes on Meridian from four lanes to three lanes with the third lane a center turn lane, and replace/rehabilitate drainage structures, sidewalks, curb and gutter where needed. In addition, remove the traffic signal at the intersection of Meridian/Minaret Road and replace with a roundabout.</del>											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PA&ED (E & P)	PS&E	R/W SUP	CON SUP	R/W	CON
STIP Programming - RIP													
Existing	\$2,667	\$138	\$2,529						\$138				\$2,529
Change													
Proposed	\$2,667	\$138	\$2,529						\$138				\$2,529

**STIP AMENDMENT 02S-045**

Location Map



09-Mono  
PPNO 2505

Location: In the Town of Mammoth Lakes,  
Meridian Blvd. from Old Mammoth  
Road to Lodestar Drive.

Description: Reduce the number of lanes on  
Meridian from four lanes to three lanes  
with the third lane a center turn lane,  
and replace traffic signal at  
Meridian/Minaret Road with a  
roundabout.

